OSMUNDA crispa.

Lin. Sp. Pl. 1522. *Ray Syn.* 126. *Flo. Scot.* 655. *Flo. Ang.* 450.

TAB. VII.

CURLED STONE FERN.

THE root consists of a multitude of slender fibres, much entangled with one another, and of a pale brown colour.

Barren first leaves from three to nine inches high, approaching in the general figure to an irregular oval; rib waved and green.

Second leaves same general shape with the first, six or eight pairs placed alternately, diminishing from first to last; rib waved.

Third leaves shaped like the first and second, four or five pairs placed alternate.

Lobes of the barren leaves two or three pairs, dented at the extremity with one or two dents, so that the lobes themselves are again lobed, the lowest pair generally with three, the next pairs with two, and the terminal with three or four of these lesser lobes; whole leaf a bright green.

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